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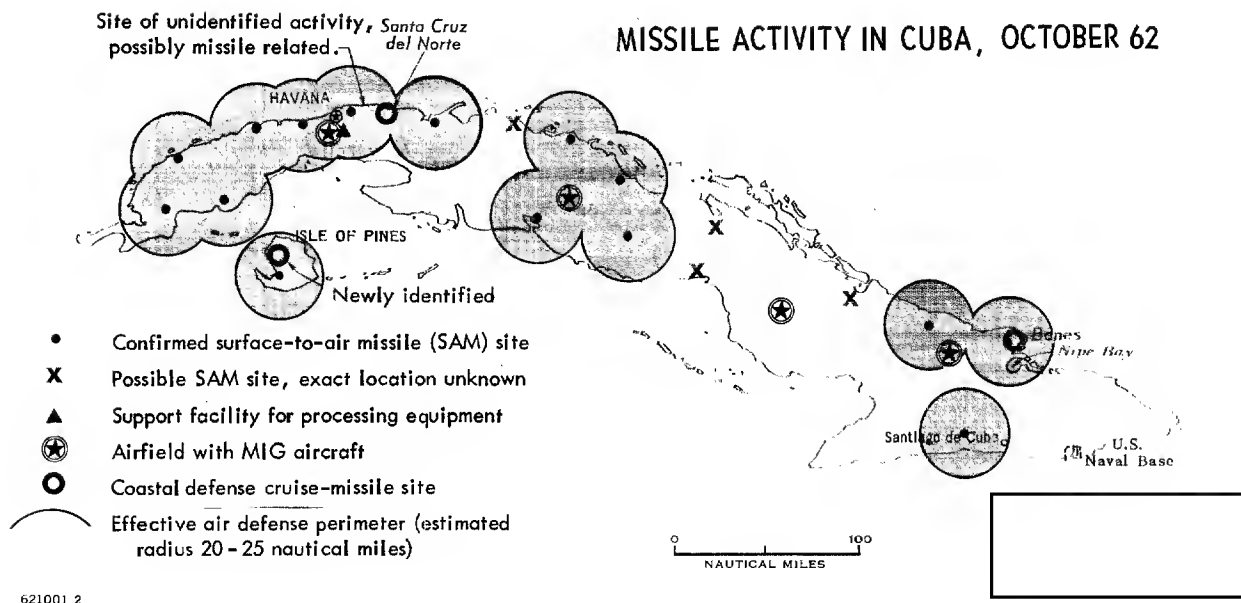
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*Cuba: [Cuba's third coastal defense cruise missile site is located on the Isle of Pines, near a previously reported surface-to-air missile site.]

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[redacted] the newly identified coastal defense installation is under construction on a hilltop less than a mile from the west coast. It is similar to the sites previously identified at Banos in Oriente Province and Santa Cruz del Norte in Havana Province.)

(Similar sites are very likely under construction at other points along Cuba's coastline.) [redacted]

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(Map) [redacted]

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West Berlin: (Mayor Brandt wants to try to induce East Germany to relax restrictions on the movement of persons within the city. He is also considering a plebiscite in West Berlin to show the pro-Western solidarity of the populace.)

(Shortly before leaving for the United States, Brandt said he believes that the East Germans might be willing to ease intersector controls in exchange for West German extension of the present credit arrangements in the West - East German interzonal trade agreements.)

(Brandt indicated that Chancellor Adenauer had endorsed this idea and that of a plebiscite. The plebiscite would give West Berliners an opportunity to endorse continued Allied presence in the city and to confirm existing links with West Germany.)

(Adenauer apparently still opposes Brandt's suggestion that the "human problem" of divided Germany and Berlin be brought officially before the UN Human Rights Commission.)

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Communist China: At this year's National Day celebrations Peiping sounded a somewhat more confident note than it did a year ago.

Speeches by regime leaders and major press articles attempted to convey the impression that the economic decline of the past three years has reached its nadir. Peiping did not, however, profess optimism about a sharp economic upturn. On the contrary, it cautioned about the "extremely arduous" tasks ahead.

Continuing concern over the regime's popular support was indicated in a 1 October People's Daily editorial which admitted that a "sharp struggle" has been under way against "rightist" elements who have sought to take advantage of economic difficulties.

The National Day celebrations afforded Peiping the occasion for another display of its opposition to a Moscow-Belgrade rapprochement. The Yugoslav chargé walked off the leaders' rostrum in the course of an attack on Tito by Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Yi.

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Laos: (The Pathet Lao, having failed to "mop up" right-wing Meo guerrilla units in northern and central Laos, apparently hopes to compel these forces to disband by choking off their supplies.)

(Phoumi Vongvichit, Pathet Lao minister of information in the coalition cabinet, has insisted that US-chartered air supply flights to the Meos must cease by 7 October.)

(Phouma, responding to this pressure, says that in the future both US and Soviet resupply activities must come under direct control of the coalition government. If such control is established, the troika formula used by the Laotian coalition would enable the Pathet Lao to veto or otherwise hamstring significant aid to the Meos.)

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South Vietnam: (

government figures of Viet Cong casualties have long been inflated and therefore are misleading as an indicator of progress in pacification of the country.)

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(The casualty figures, include large numbers of peasants--as high as thirty to fifty percent of the totals. The results of air strikes have been particularly exaggerated. Accurate estimates are difficult because of the nature of the fighting and terrain. In addition local commanders are tempted to inflate enemy casualty figures to enhance their prestige at army headquarters.)

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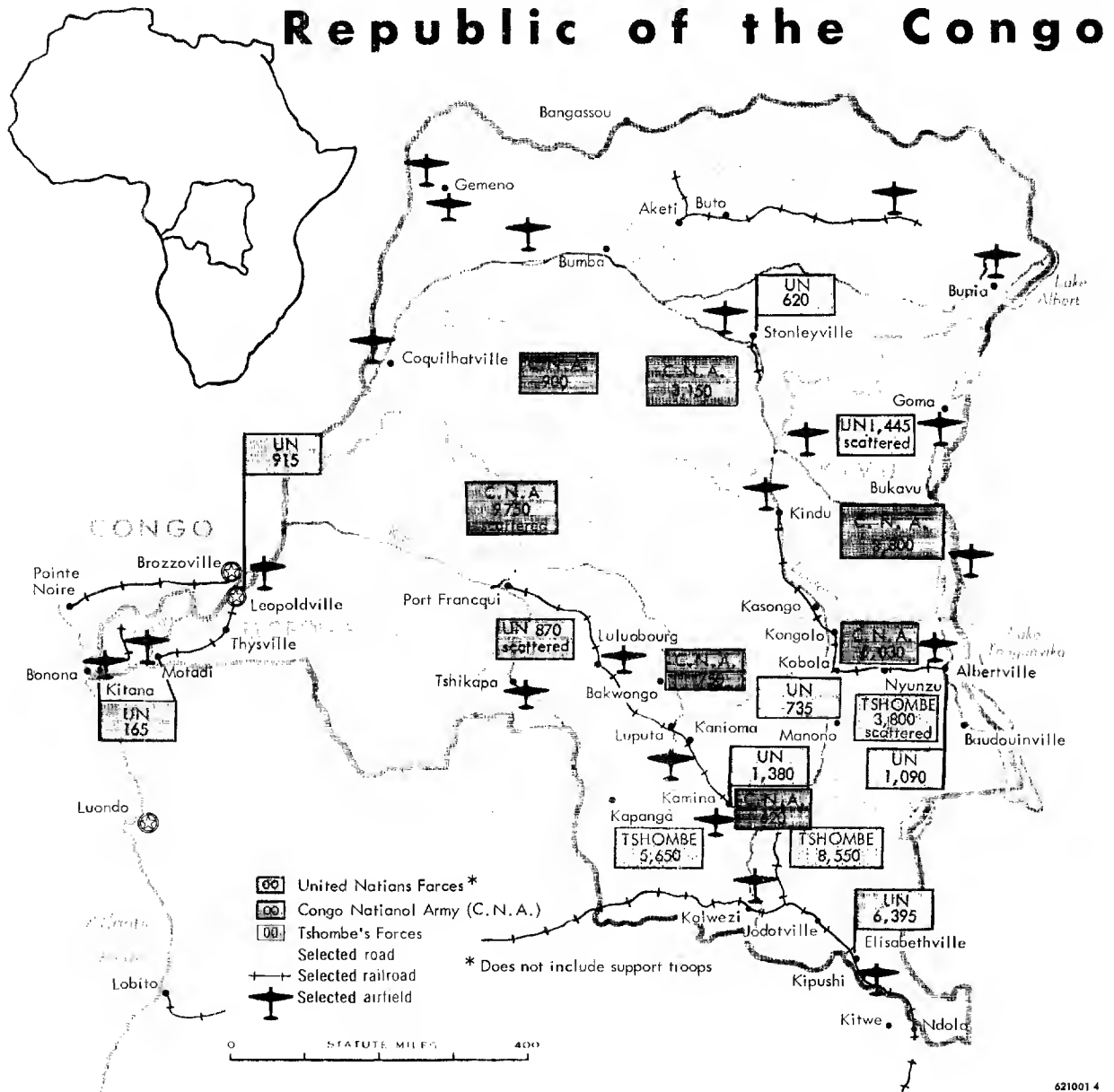
(consider the Viet Cong's loss of weapons as a more valid indicator of the size of Viet Cong units encountered than casualties reported. They note that although reported Viet Cong casualties have risen sharply, loss of weapons by the Viet Cong has not.)

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***Congo:** (The Adoula government, overruling Army chief Mobutu's objections, has launched its long-contemplated move against South Kasai and secessionist leader Kalonji.)

(This action may well set off serious fighting in the area requiring UN intervention. Tshombé, certain to protest the move, may once again balk at implementing the UN plan for the Congo.)

(The central government apparently succeeded in winning over from Kalonji a number of local officials and gendarmerie who on 30 September arrested Kalonji and seized strategic points in the South Kasai capital of Bakwanga. Troops in Kalonji's 2,500-man private army who have remained loyal to him were reported by a UN source yesterday to be "in revolt" against these pro-Leopoldville forces.)

(American officials in Leopoldville fear Adoula is risking a serious defeat. Adoula, however, has been under strong political pressures for such action ever since Kalonji's escape from jail in early September, and he has feared that Kalonji might join forces with Tshombé against Leopoldville.)

(The Adoula government had planned to follow up the initial moves in Bakwanga with the prompt dispatch of additional troops into the area. As of yesterday, however, it was still having trouble arranging air transport. Congo Army chief General Mobutu reportedly had warned the government beforehand that he had no more than 1,200 troops for such an operation and that even these were poorly trained and ill-equipped.)

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